

CKA - 151
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Chief, Task Force/W
Chief of Station, JMWAVE

Operational/CYROGE
Ratline from Cuba, Las Villas

ATTENTION REQUESTED: FN/AUTUBE

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At Cuba
USA, Florida, Miami

1. On 12 April 1962, Jose Antonio Rojas Amore, A-12895931, born 20 April 1939, Baitolome, Las Villas (later living in Estacion Dolores, Las Villas); Miami address: Refugee Center, was interviewed.
2. Source said that he formerly belonged to the MRR in Estacion Dolores and that "El Chino" was his leader. About 3-4 months ago, "El Chino" was arrested and is still in jail. Since this time, the MRR in Estacion Dolores has been operating without any leader. Source left Cuba by small boat, and the reason for his leaving, he said, was because Pidio Palacios, an MRR member, was arrested and taken to the paredon. When Palacios was placed before the paredon, he broke down and confessed and implicated the source and others in counter-revolutionary activities. Palacios was released and source fled.
3. Source said that shortly before "El Chino" was arrested, the MRR was to receive some arms from "Yayo" Estevez in Miami. On the day on which they were to make the pickup at sea, their boat was confiscated by the government.
4. Source said he was able to leave Cuba by small boat because the boat was obtained through Pedro Barreto of Caibarien. He said that Pedro is a member of the Caibarien MRR and obtained the services of two other MRR members, Roman Rojas and his brother (name unknown), who are fishermen, members of the MRR and also milicianos. In the course of a fishing trip they took a boatload of escapees (including the source) to Cayo Frago. The escapees hid in the mangrove swamps and the Rojas brothers fished. A Cuban patrol came by and talked to the Rojas brothers, but soon went away. The Rojas brothers then picked up the escapees and took them to Cayo Anguila, left them there and then returned to Cuba. Pedro Barreto and the Rojas brothers are now in Cuba.
5. Source is a cripple (he has a leg which appears withered), but nevertheless, he volunteered to go back into Cuba in any capacity which is needed.

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